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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2003 requiring an election of species, Applicants hereby elect with traverse group I, Figs. 2 - 5. At least the following claims are readable on the elected species: Claims 1 - 10 and 18 - 20.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's notation that only claims 1 - 18 are pending in the subject application. Instead, Applicants proffer that claims 1 - 20 are currently pending. If the Examiner's file does not so indicate, then Applicant's attorney below requests that the Examiner contact him by phone to resolve this matter.

If the Examiner has any questions in regard to this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney below at 612/336-4755.



Dated: 5 March 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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